



THE TOKYO ADDRESS ON TRUST AND WISDOM FOR THE AI AGE

Building Trust Infrastructure for the AI Age

Trustworthy AI Systems for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific

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Distinguished Leaders,

Honorable Members of Japan's National Diet,

Dear Friends,

It is a profound honor to be with you today at Interop Tokyo 2026.

Throughout history, only a few great infrastructures have transformed civilization — roads and printing, electricity and the Internet.

Each expanded human capability. But capability alone has never built a civilization.

Today, Artificial Intelligence is becoming such an infrastructure — transforming how we govern, learn, heal, communicate, and create prosperity, and even how we understand truth itself.

Every age is defined not only by its technologies, but by the institutions and values that guide them.

Roads required rules. Markets required trust. Democracies required institutions. The Internet required governance.

The AI Age will require something even more fundamental.

Trust.

The AI Age will not be defined by intelligence alone. It will be defined by trust.

Intelligence creates power. Trust creates civilization.

Civilization advances when capability and responsibility advance together. It declines when capability outruns responsibility.

This is the defining challenge of the AI Age.

The question is no longer whether AI will become powerful. It will.

The question is whether trust — and wisdom — will grow as fast as intelligence. And whether human dignity will remain at the center of our future.



The world has divided into camps. Some call to accelerate. Some to pause. Some speak of safety, others of alignment.

Today I offer a different principle. I call it Trust Supremacy.

Intelligence may advance without limit. Trust may not.

And when intelligence and trust diverge, trust must lead.

This is not opposition to intelligence. It is the condition under which intelligence can be trusted. For a power the world cannot trust is a power the world cannot use. Trust is not a brake upon intelligence — it is what makes the power of intelligence usable at all.

Earlier this year, at Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, I shared a conviction that still guides our work: the world does not simply need more Artificial Intelligence. It needs trustworthy Artificial Intelligence.

The world needs a Trust Infrastructure for the AI Age.

Interop has always been about interoperability — making systems work together. Our task now is the next layer: making trust itself something we can build, measure, verify, and share.

Just as the pioneers of the Internet built the infrastructure of connectivity, our task today is to build the infrastructure of trust.



Within only a few days, a remarkable sequence of events unfolded.

On May 25, Pope Leo XIV issued Magnifica Humanitas, calling upon humanity to safeguard human dignity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

On that same day, I issued The Lumina Declaration on Human Dignity — For Humanity in the AI Age, welcoming and responding to the Holy Father’s call: that the future of AI must be guided not only by intelligence, but by dignity, wisdom, responsibility, and human values.

One week later, the Boston Global Forum established AIWS Lumina Lab — a human laboratory to turn those principles into practice, and the cultural and human foundation of our Trust Infrastructure.

Then, on June 4, leaders at the frontier of artificial intelligence — at Anthropic — warned that advanced AI systems may soon evolve faster than any institution can govern.

Pope Leo XIV spoke of human dignity. Anthropic warned of accelerating capability. The Lumina Declaration called for wisdom.

Together, they illuminate the central question of our time:

Can humanity develop trust as rapidly as it develops intelligence?

And there is a warning within the warning.

We have imagined a single machine improving itself. But intelligence may now evolve another way — through many systems acting together, amplifying one another, until capability emerges that no one designed and no one foresaw.

A thousand agents may cross a threshold that no single mind ever announced.

This is why trust must be built now — before the threshold, not after.



For nearly a decade, the Boston Global Forum and AIWS have worked on precisely this challenge — from AI World Society in 2017, through the Social Contract for the AI Age and AIWS Government 24/7, to AIWS Trust Infrastructure.

Many organizations are building more powerful AI. Our mission is to help humanity build more trustworthy AI — and the institutions, standards, and wisdom to live wisely with it.

For the first time in history, intelligence itself can be manufactured — generated, replicated, scaled, distributed. A remarkable achievement, and a profound responsibility.

If intelligence can be engineered, then trust must also be engineered. If intelligence can be scaled, then trust must also be scaled.

Building that trust is the civilizational task of our generation.

Six weeks ago, at Harvard University’s Loeb House, we convened America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age.

Together with Governor Michael Dukakis — my friend and co-author of *America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age* — Vint Cerf, Alex Pentland, Cynthia Dwork, Thomas Patterson, Nazli Choucri, and many of the world's leading thinkers, we asked: how can humanity ensure that AI serves people, rather than people serving AI?

One answer emerged: trust must become the foundational infrastructure of the AI Age.

There we honored fifty leaders, scientists, and innovators as *America at 250: AI Pioneers*. They helped build the Age of AI. The next chapter is equally important.

The builders of intelligence must now become the builders of trust.

But no great transformation was ever accomplished by ideas alone.

Ideas illuminate the future. Institutions build the future.

This mission is now carried by an extraordinary community — pioneers and scholars, universities and enterprises, governments and citizens. More than a network: a community of responsibility, committed to ensuring that trust grows alongside intelligence.



Throughout history, every great civilization created an order that enabled cooperation — the rule of law, democratic institutions, international agreements, shared moral principles.

Today humanity enters a new domain — a world populated not only by people, but increasingly by intelligent systems.

The AI Age therefore requires institutions that enable trust — not to control innovation, but to ensure it remains worthy of humanity.

This is why, today, we establish the AIWS Trust Order — the first institution built upon the principle of Trust Supremacy.

Its purpose is simple: to help humanity build trust before trust becomes the world's most scarce resource.

To support it, we have built AIWS Trust Infrastructure and AIWS Trust Standards; we are launching AIWS Trust Rating and AIWS Trust Index; and we are creating institutions to advance trustworthy AI across nations and sectors.

At the same time, we face another challenge: deepfakes, synthetic realities, the manipulation of information. These do not merely threaten information. They threaten truth itself.

The greatest threat of the AI Age is not that machines will become intelligent.

The greatest threat is that trust may become scarce.

That is why we also advance AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure — using AI to detect and respond to manipulation. Not through censorship, but through transparency, provenance, accountability, and trust.

Trust Infrastructure provides architecture. Information Trust Infrastructure protects truth. Lumina cultivates wisdom.

Together, they form the foundations of a High-Trust AI Civilization.

Because trust cannot be sustained by technology alone — but by culture, character, wisdom, and humanity.



Great ideas require champions. Great institutions require leaders willing to act.

Yasuhide Nakayama has been both.

His leadership has helped bring together democratic partners across Japan, the Indo-Pacific, and the Global South around a shared vision of trustworthy AI and trusted democratic institutions.

As we establish the AIWS Trust Order and launch the Tokyo Compact, I express my deepest gratitude to Yasuhide Nakayama. And I believe Japan, under leaders such as Yasuhide Nakayama, can play a historic role in advancing AIWS Trust Infrastructure throughout Asia and the Global South. Thank you, my friend.

Capability determines what AI can do. Trust determines whether humanity should do it.

This distinction will shape the future of civilization.

Today, from Tokyo, we launch the Tokyo Compact — a shared commitment among nations, universities, enterprises, innovators, and citizens to build trust together.

Not one company alone. Not one nation alone. But a common foundation for trustworthy AI systems and trustworthy societies.



When we founded AI World Society in 2017, we chose the name AIWS with intention. For those initials have always carried a second meaning.

Not only an AI World Society — but an AI Wisdom Society.

Because the future requires more than Artificial Intelligence.

The future requires Human Wisdom.

This is not sentiment. It is logic. Intelligence tells us what is possible. Trust tells us what is permitted. Only wisdom tells us what is right. For trust can be placed in the wrong hands and turned to the wrong ends — and so trust itself must be guided. Wisdom is what tells trust where to point.

Wisdom to govern power. Wisdom to protect dignity. Wisdom to strengthen freedom. Wisdom to preserve peace.

Wisdom to ensure that technology serves humanity, and never the other way around.

And so I turn to you.

To the pioneers, the scholars, the leaders gathered in this hall: I do not ask you to admire this vision. I ask you to build it.

To Japan — friend, partner, and leader: I ask you to help carry it across Asia and the Indo-Pacific.

To every nation, every institution, and every person who believes that power must answer to trust — today, in Tokyo, I invite you to join us, and to sign.

Build with us a civilization worthy of the intelligence we have created.



Japan led the world through the industrial age and helped shape the digital age. Through the leadership of Shinzo Abe, Japan advanced the vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. Today, Japan can help lead humanity into a High-Trust AI Age.

Because humanity does not need intelligence alone. Humanity needs wisdom. Humanity needs dignity. Humanity needs meaning. Humanity needs hope.

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Future generations may not remember which AI model led the market in 2026, or the valuations and headlines.

But they will remember whether humanity succeeded in building trust during the first great age of artificial intelligence — whether we protected truth, defended dignity, strengthened freedom, and chose wisdom over fear.

In the Industrial Age, humanity built machines. In the Information Age, humanity built networks.

In the AI Age, humanity must build trust.

Intelligence creates power.

Trust creates civilization.

Wisdom guides both.

Let history remember that here in Tokyo, on June 12, 2026, we chose trust before crisis, wisdom before fear, and humanity before power.

And let that choice become the foundation of the AI Age.

Thank you. Thank you, Japan.